

I'm a longtime broadcaster and I think XM Radio is the best thing to come along since Marconi. My advice to the F.C.C. is to keep your hands off of XM. They provide such great service and they do so, nationwide. I think providing traffic and weather is one hell of a PUBLIC SERVICE, and isn't that what the F.C.C. has been stressing since day one. I believe XM is now and the future of radio broadcasting. I feel so strongly about XM Radio that we frequently tout its benefits over the air. In fact, my remaining AM station is now on the market because I so fervently believe in satellite radio programming and its signal quality because it far exceeds that of terrestrial radio. I have my doubts about High-Definition radio, particularly so pertaining to the AM band. And, even if it does succeed on AM & FM, there are still signal limitations and interference to deal with, so I draw only one conclusion and that is, if allowed, XM can and will do a better job of reaching the public with the proposed, enhanced services.

Satellite Radio is no different than Cable TV and cable pretty much has a free reign providing local weather, commercials, local-access, etc. I feel that XM Radio, given the same opportunity, can provide the same benefits that would be considered as PUBLIC SERVICE!!!